

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair, as do all broadcasters, uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. It is the FCC's responsibility to see that the law is enforced.

This is clear evidence that when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. It also gives corporate media owners tremendous power to try to unfairly influence election results.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

I, and millions of other American citizens, call upon you to put a stop to Sinclair's illegal plans and to begin the process of strengthening media ownership rules. Thank you.